

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. Claims 1, 2, and 4 have been withdrawn. No new matter has been added, and consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I through III. Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group II (Claims 3, and 5-9), drawn to an oligonucleotide array, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction requirement and examination of the elected subject matter on the merits. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 219002031710. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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